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TOPIC Military Information from the Engineer Training Areas on the Elbe River

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 May 1952, the engineer training site in Rossau (M 52/E 17) was occupied by an engineer unit equipped with about 200 trucks [] with a white full moon as tactical symbol. The engineer training sites in Nietzneck and Brambach, west of Rossau, were also occupied by troops. No training activity was observed. *
2. On 26 April, six small amphibious vehicles and truck [] were seen on the loading platform of the Tangerhuetten (M 53/Y 73) railroad station. **
3. On 26 April, Camp Bittkau east of Tangerhuetten was occupied to capacity by Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts. The troops were engaged in rearranging their quarters and cutting trees. A large number of trucks, [] were seen in the billeting area. Numerous trucks with billeting equipment were parked in the open. Ten large amphibious trucks and 3 large trailers on J5 chassis were also seen. About 50 trucks mounted a superstructure which source identified as an M-13 automatic gun.
4. [] these soldiers had arrived on 17 and 19 April. ***
- * [] Comment. [] it is assumed that the two engineer regiments of the COFC from Bernburg and Magdeburg have been in the Rossau-Aken-Breitenhagen training area on the Elbe River since late April or early May 1952. The location of the regiments in this area is not clearly determined. []
- ** [] Comment. The amphibious vehicles belong to the 336th Engr Bn (US) of the 207th Itz Rifle Div.
- *** [] Comment. [] the unidentified Engr Bn of the IX Itz Rifle Corps from Schwerin and the 390th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps from Gardelegen had left for Bittkau on 13 and 14 April. [] the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army is also believed to be in Bittkau. It remains to be

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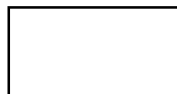
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determined, whether the camp is already occupied to capacity. The
superstructures, [REDACTED] most
probably were pontoons loaded on trucks.

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